

January 5, 1978

LB 659, 660, 380

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will come to order. Roll call.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rasmussen asks to be excused until he arrives. Senator Frank Lewis asks to be excused until he arrives.

PRESIDENT: Please record your presence as you enter. The Board is open. Have you all recorded your presence? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: A quorum present.

PRESIDENT: In the north balcony, we have fourteen high school students, no, excuse me, fourteen college students, that's bad news, from Midland College in Fremont and Professor Trader of the Economics Department is in charge, that from Senator Reutzel's District. Thank you for being here. Yes, we will get back to LB 380 as soon as the Clerk reads two new bills in.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 659 - Read title; LB 660 - Read title. Mr. President, Senator Rasmussen asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 315 in the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? Seeing none, it is so ordered. We are still on LB 380 and on the adoption of Senator Koch's amendment. Senator Cullan asked for recognition and he is here. Senator Cullan. Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Mr. President, a couple of questions from Senator Burrows, if he would yield, please. Senator Burrows, I certainly would concur with you that treating mental health today in our state is certainly a very important concern and it appears to me from the discussion earlier in the morning that we have apparently people right now who are treating mental health, mental illness, who are not qualified?

SENATOR BURROWS: We haven't had severe complaints on this or they haven't come to me on this score but we have a rather unclear situation of defining clinical psychology as what is competent training for the practice of treating other people who have mental health problems.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Okay, Senator Burrows, then why is it that we don't want to grandfather those people under state law, under state guidelines? It would appear to me, Senator Burrows, that we would want to, you know, kind of screen those people who are treating this very important part of medicine and certainly we must have the patient at heart here and I don't think, I guess the concern that I have is simply this. I was talking to someone who was in to see a psychiatrist not too long ago. Now whether he is qualified or unqualified, I don't know, but he was charged \$50 for ten minutes. I am not sure this is per protocol, Senator.

SENATOR BURROWS: Okay, I will try and answer it, if not, maybe Jerry can. I think we have left some misunderstandings on the idea of grandfathering people in. They have to meet some basic criteria. We have some definitions on clinical psychology. Now, basically, the old law set up for the Board